

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated July 25, 2005, claims 1-3, 5-9, 10-15 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Watkins, U.S. Patent No. 5,850,426, and claims 4 and 16 are rejected as under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watkins, et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,850,426, in view of Zey U.S. Patent No. 5,796,953.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 10-15 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Watkins (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,426). Claim 1 is amended such that it recites “an apparatus for integrating a plurality of maintenance and testing systems. Claims 8 and 14 also contain this limitation. In Watkins, the centralized computer controls the plurality of reporting computer systems. No maintenance or testing is described.

Consequently, the Watkins Patent does not anticipate the structure defined in claims 1, 8 and 14 of the present application under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for at least the foregoing reasons. Claims 2-3, 5-7, 9, 10-13, 15 and 17-19 depend from claims 1, 8 and 14 and therefore include all the limitations of those independent claims. Since the Watkins Patent does not render claims 1-3, 5-9, 10-15 and 17-19, as amended, unpatentable Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections thereof be withdrawn by the Examiner.


Claims 4 and 16 are rejected as under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watkins, et al. in view of Zey (U.S. Patent No. 5,796,953). Zey also does not describe “a plurality of maintenance and testing systems.” For reasons mentioned above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 14 are not rendered obvious by the Watkins and Zey

Patents when considered alone or in combination. Claims 4 and 16 depend from claims 1 and 14 and therefore include all the limitations of those independent claims. Since the Watkins and Zey Patents do not render claims 4 and 16 unpatentable Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections thereof be withdrawn by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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